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## **Funding Approved for Upland Fire Museum**

SAN BERNARDINO - The Board of Supervisors on Tuesday agreed to provide \$150,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding to help the City of Upland make accessibility improvements at the planned Upland Firehouse Museum.

The fire station located at 171 E. D St. was built in 1915 following a blaze that destroyed numerous businesses on the east side of Second Avenue, south of Ninth Street. The museum will house memorabilia, equipment and photographs commemorating the Fire Department's history from the 1900s to present day. The City also plans to have community meeting rooms on the top floor of the firehouse.

The CDBG funds will be used to ensure disabled persons can access the facility.

"The fire station is a tremendous historical landmark in the heart of Upland, and it should be preserved for future generations to enjoy," said Board of Supervisors Chairman Paul Biane, who made the request for the CDBG funds.

The CDBG funds were originally programmed to assist Upland with renovations at the Walker-Eisen Building," which the City had planned to use as an emergency operations center. The City abandoned those plans and requested the funding be reprogrammed for the firehouse museum project.